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SUBJECT: HAITIAN EXILES CONVICTED OF CONSPIRING TO  
VIOLATE THE NEUTRALITY ACT

REF: (A) 77 PORT AU PRINCE 4729; (B) 77 STATE 118733

1. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INFORMS US THAT THE FOUR  
HAITIANS ARRESTED IN NEW JERSEY LAST MAY AND INDICTED  
FOR CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE NEUTRALITY ACT AND FOR  
ILLEGALLY TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS WERE TRIED IN FEDERAL  
COURT IN TRENTON, NEW JERSEY IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.  
ALL WERE CONVICTED ON VARIOUS COUNTS JANUARY 6.

2. RENE LEON (FORMER HAITIAN ARMY COLONEL), RAYMOND PIOUS,  
ARNOLD SALNAVE, AND CHARLES SMITH WERE CONVICTED OF CON-  
SPIRACY TO ILLEGALLY POSSESS AUTOMATIC FIREARMS, IN  
VIOLATION OF TITLE 26 USC, 5812 AND 5861(B). IN ADDITION,  
LEON AND SMITH WERE CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY TO TRANSPORT  
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EXPLOSIVES IN INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE, IN  
VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 USC 844(D), OF ATTEMPTING TO TRANS-  
PORT EXPLOSIVES IN INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE, IN  
VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 USC 844(D) AND OF CONSPIRACY  
TO MOUNT A MILITARY EXPEDITION AGAINST HAITI, IN VIOLATION  
OF TITLE 18 USC 960 (THE NEUTRALITY ACT).

3. THE FOUR HAITIANS ARE DUE TO BE SENTENCED FEBRUARY 21.  
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